A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) A few petitions from certain members of the panchayat board and a letter from the President, Taluk Board, Namakkal, have been received in the course of June 1933 and they have been referred to the President, Panchayat Board, for remarks on the various charges made against him therein.

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—" May I know whether the reply of the president, panchayat board, has been received? "

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" We have not yet heard from him."

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—" May I know if the Government have noted whether the allegations set forth in the petitions were serious? "

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" They are being investigated, and I am unable to say whether they are serious or not. A report has been called for and it is awaited."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—" May I know whether the petitions are from a majority or a minority of the board? "

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" I am afraid I cannot answer the question without notice."

Irrigation

Estimates, etc., for the Torrigedda Project.

* 32 *Q.*—Mr. A. HARISCHANDRUDU: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the proposal for Torrigedda Project was first made; whether estimates for the scheme have been prepared; if so, when and what the estimated amount is;

(*b*) what extent of land is expected to be brought under cultivation *under* this project;

(*c*) what the revenue hoped to be realized by Teervailu is; and

(*d*) what the causes are that led to the delay in the sanctioning of this work for such a long time?

A.—(*a*) The scheme (to relieve the lands lying in the basin of the Torrigedda stream from submersion during floods in the Godavari) was under the Chief Engineer's consideration between 1927 and 1931. In September 1931, he reported that the construction of an outfall sluice was roughly estimated to cost Rs. 1,20,000. Detailed estimates were not prepared.

(*b*) & (*c*) The object of the scheme is not extension of irrigation but the relief of the lands lying in the Torrigedda basin from submersion. (It was reported in 1931 that the scheme would save remissions to the extent of about Rs. 1,200 a year.)

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(*d*) The proposal was abandoned in 1932 as it was reported that the ryots would not give any undertaking as to the payment of a contribution, that the outfall sluice, if constructed, would only afford relief for a few days in every year, and that even then local rainfall, if heavy, would nullify the effects of the sluice as local drainage would get blocked up.

Erection of a culvert over a revenue channel in Venkatapuram, Vellore taluk.

* 33 *Q.*—Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the villagers of Venkatapuram, Vellore taluk, of the North Arcot district, petitioned to the Collector of North Arcot for the erection of a culvert over a revenue channel passing through the village;

(*b*) whether the Collector had promised the erection of the culvert on payment of the contribution of one-fourth of the total cost of the construction;

(*c*) whether the villagers were asked by the Collector to assign the required lands to the Government; and

(*d*) what progress has been made in the erection of the culvert?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*d*) The Government have no information but have called for a report.

Land Revenue Administration

Representation by the South Kanara District Landholders' Association for the suspension of the resettlement operations.

* 34 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have considered the representation made by the South Kanara District Landholders' Association for suspending the resettlement operations till the present economic depression passes off; and

(*b*) whether any final orders have been passed in regard to this matter?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No. The Government have decided to consider after the publication of the scheme report the views put forward in the resolution as regards suspending the resettlement operations in South Kanara district.